

Padding Paws Pet Services

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Information to help you find your lost pet

Let us hope you never have to use this, but at least it will provide you with a list of actions to follow, when faced with the very traumatic situation of a lost pet.

When searching for your lost dog:

- A lost dog can hide very well, they may not bark or move
- Get down low, on hands and knees, search under branches & bushes.
- Search quietly and listen for any rustling.
- Your dog may be quite wary of people, despite usually being friendly towards people.
- Ask people not to shout the dog's name or approach the dog face on, as this can make the dog more anxious. Only the owner should shout the dog's name. Best to turn sideways and drop low.
- If you know the area where your dog went missing, take your unwashed pillowcase or an item of your clothing you have worn and leave it where your dog went missing from.
- Lost dogs often return to within a few hundred metres of where they ran off.
- Take a disposable BBQ & cook sausage where your dog went missing, (a lost dog will often follow the scent trail back to where they were before they were lost) the strong smell of the sausages cooking may attract your lost dog.

General advice:

- Make sure your pet's microchip database details are up to date.
- As microchips may be cut out if a dog is stolen, take a picture of any distinguishing marks etc that your dog has. This can help you provide evidence that the dog belongs to you.
- Take your dog's favourite toy etc with you when you go to collect him, he should recognise the smell.

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Who to contact:

- Call the microchip database Company they are registered with and report them as lost or stolen. Make sure your contact details are always up to date.
- Contact your local authority dog warden, via your local council Environmental Health dept – they are legally responsible for stray dogs and may well have picked up your pet. They will hold on to stray dogs for seven days but, after this time, dogs will be rehomed or put to sleep if no home can be found for them.
- Contact neighbouring local authorities, dogs may move across local council borders
- Call local kennels/charities – someone may have found your dog and taken them to a local rehoming centre or kennels
- Contact local vet surgeries or animal hospitals – if your dog has been injured, someone may have taken them there.
- Check online lost and found websites and notice boards in your local area. Register your dog on Dog Lost, free national database, which is run by volunteers, they will help you to search for your dog.
- Register with Drone SAR For lost dogs.
- Post a message on your local community Facebook pages & local dog community pages (make sure you make your post shareable).
- If you think your dog has been stolen, call the police. You will be given a case number, make sure you include this when sharing any posts about your dog.
- Put up notices in your local area with an up to date photo of your dog
- Visit places where other dog walkers go and ask them to keep an eye out for your dog.

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Contact Numbers:

Dog Lost – 0844 800 3220

Network Rail (24/7) – 03457 11 41 41 (Lost dogs can be attracted to the vibrations of the railway line and the food that is found there) Alerts rail drivers & workers.

Canal & River Trust – 0303 040 4040 / 0800 47 999 47

Environment Agency – 03708 506 506 (cover streams in the area)

Highways England – 0300 123 5000

If your dog is on a motorway, please call 101/999 and the Highway's Agency.

Websites:

www.doglost.co.uk

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/DroneSARForLostDogsUK/>

www.animalsearchuk.co.uk

www.nationalpetregister.org

www.petslocated.com

www.gumtree.com/pets-missing-lost-and-found

www.petsforum.co.uk

www.freeads.co.uk/uk/community/lost_found

Check

www.gov.uk/check-council-missing-dog

The above information has been collated from Dog Lost, Blue Cross, Dog's Trust & Drone SAR sites.